## The Mezzanine Gallery to Exhibit Sculptures by Aaron Paskins

On view from September 28 - October 30, 2020

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Wilmington, Del. (September 28, 2020) — A New African Experience, an exhibition of sculptures by Aaron Paskins will be on view in the Mezzanine Gallery from September 28 — October 30, 2020. Paskins is the recipient of a 2020 Artist Fellowship in Sculpture from the Delaware Division of the Arts. A free opening reception will be held on Friday, October 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. For those unable to visit the Gallery inperson, a virtual gallery is available here.

The exhibition features African-inspired indigenous works with a contemporary flair and African-themed fantasy works. Paskins says,

"My goal is . . . to create works that electrify, inspire, unify all people, and leave the world with some added beauty."

Paskins starts a sculpture with a series of drawings in which he develops the concept and draws the final designs from various viewpoints. He then creates a three-dimensional maquette, or model, for the sculpture. After the full-size version is created, Paskins applies multiple layers of different coatings to achieve unique finishes and metallic patinas for his sculptures. He frequently adds adornments such

as beads, jewelry, and feathers to his work.

Paskins works out of his studio in Dover. His work has been exhibited throughout the U.S. and at nationwide art festivals such as the Palm Beach Fine Art Show, Baltimore Art & Antique Show, and Essence Festival.

The <u>Mezzanine Gallery</u> is open to the public weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is located in the Carvel State Office Building, 820 N. French Street, Wilmington. **Visitors must wear face coverings and maintain 6 feet distance from other individuals not in their household.** 

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